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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.314 TO DEFER ISSUE

Attn: Office of Petitions Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Office of Petitions, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 8 1.314, to defer the above-identified application from issuing. The issue fee was previously paid on July 19, 2005. See attached Issue Fee Transmittal form (Appendix A). As of the date of submission of this Petition, an issue date and patent number have not been assigned to this application. For the reasons discussed below it is necessary to defer issuance of the patent.

Allowance of this application was conditioned on the filing of statutory disclaimers of the claims of U.S. Patent No. 6,179,859 to Bates et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,468,291 to Bates et al. In particular, in an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 ("Amendment") (Appendix B) filed on April 1, 2005, Applicants proposed disclaiming "all claims of the two Bates et al. patents [U.S. Patent Nos. 6,179,859 and 6,468,291] in order to remove those patents as impediments to issuance of Applicants' claims" and stated that "Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue all of Applicants' claims upon disclaimer of claims 1-26 of Bates et al. Patent No. 6,179,859 B1 and a disclaimer of claims 1-19 of Bates et al. Patent No. 6,468,291 B2." Amendment, page 7. In response to the Amendment, the Examiner allowed the present application. See attached Notice of Allowability (Appendix C).

Accordingly, statutory disclaimers were filed on July 21, 2005 with respect to U.S. Patent No. 6,179,859 to Bates et al. and U.S. Patent No. 6,468,291 to Bates et al. (See attached Appendices D and E). As of the date of submission of this Petition, notification of the statutory disclaimers has not published in the Official Gazette.

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Thus, Applicants respectfully request that issuance of the present application be deferred until after both statutory disclaimers have been published in the Official Gazette. Applicants also respectfully request that this Petition be acted upon promptly to avoid inadvertent issuance of a patent from the present application before the two statutory disclaimers become effective.

Please charge the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(h), which is estimated to be \$130.00, and any fee deemed necessary, to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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DEVICE AND METHOD

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated October 20, 2004 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Applicants submit herewith (1) a Petition for Extension of Time for three months from January 20, 2005 to and including April 20, 2005 (in duplicate) accompanied by the appropriate provision authorizing payment of the required fee; and (2) a Notice of Appeal From the Primary Examiner To the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (in duplicate) with a provision authorizing payment of the required fee.

It is estimated that no additional fee is required for filing this Amendment. However, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine otherwise, please charge the necessary fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 503013.

Amendment to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5.

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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1-50. (Canceled)
- 51. (Canceled)
- 52. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 51 Apparatus for filtering emboli from blood flowing through a vessel, the apparatus comprising:
 - a guide wire having a distal region and a stop on the distal region;
 - a capture ring disposed for translation on the guide wire, the stop limiting translation of the capture ring in a distal direction; and
 - a filter sac connected to the capture ring.
 - wherein, when the filter sac is deployed in the vessel, rotation or distal translation of the guide wire relative to the capture ring does not displace the filter sac, but retraction of the guide wire in a proximal direction causes the stop to abut against the capture ring.
- 53. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for filtering emboli from blood flowing through a vessel, the apparatus comprising:
 - a guide wire having a first portion having a first diameter and a distal region having a second diameter greater than the first diameter; and
 - a filter element having a capture ring disposed for translation on the first portion, the capture ring having an aperture greater than the first diameter but smaller than the second diameter.
 - wherein rotation or distal translation of the guide wire relative to the capture ring does not displace the filter element.
- 54. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the filter element comprises an expandable sac.
- 55. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 53 wherein the guide wire further comprises a flange disposed on the distal region having a diameter larger than the diameter of the aperture in the capture ring.
- 56. (Previously Presented) A method of filtering emboli from blood flowing through a vessel, the method comprising:
 - providing a guide wire having a distal region including a stop, and a filter element having a capture ring disposed for translation on the guide wire proximal of the stop;

transluminally inserting the guide wire and filter element into a vessel;

- deploying the filter element to engage a wall of the vessel, the filter element filtering emboli out of blood flowing through the vessel;
- advancing a treatment device along the guide wire to treat a portion of the vessel proximal to the location of the filter element, rotation or distal translation of the guide wire relative to the filter element imparted by the treatment device not displacing the filter element.
- 57. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 56 further comprising: providing a delivery sheath; and compressing the filter element to a contracted state to insert the filter element within the delivery sheath.
- 58. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [57] <u>56</u> wherein the filter element comprises an expandable sac, and deploying the filter element comprises expanding the expandable sac so that a perimeter of the expandable sac contacts the wall of the vessel.
 - 59. (Canceled)
- 60. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 59 Apparatus for filtering emboli from blood flowing through a vessel, the apparatus comprising:
 - a guide wire having a distal region:
 - a filter element disposed for rotation on the distal region of the guide wire, the filter
 element comprising a self-expanding strut and a filter sac connected to the
 self-expanding strut; and
 - a distal stop disposed on the distal region distal to the filter element, the distal stop limiting distal translation of the filter element on the guide wire,
 - wherein, when the filter sac is deployed in the vessel, rotation of the guide wire does not displace the filter element.
- 61. (Currently Amended) A method of filtering emboli from blood flowing through a vessel, the method comprising:
 - providing a guide wire having a distal region including a distal stop, and a filter element disposed for translation on the guide wire proximal to the distal stop, the filter element comprising a plurality of self-expanding struts having a filter sac affixed thereto:

transluminally inserting the guide wire and filter element into a vessel;

deploying the filter element so that the struts and filter sac expand to engage a wall of the vessel, the filter sac filtering emboli out of blood flowing through the vessel; [and]

advancing a treatment device along the guide wire to treat a portion of the vessel

- proximal to the location of the filter element, rotation or distal translation of the guide wire relative to the filter element imparted by the treatment device not displacing the filter element.
- 62. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61 further comprising retracting the guide wire in a proximal direction to cause the distal stop to abut against the filter element.
 - 63. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 61 further comprising: providing a retrieval catheter having a recovery sock;
 - advancing the retrieval catheter over the guide wire until the recovery sock covers a mouth of the filter element; and
 - urging the retrieval catheter against the self-expanding struts of the filter element to cause the filter element to collapse.

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the final Office Action, dated October 20, 2004. Claims 51-63 were pending in this application. Claims 53-58 and 61-63 have been allowed. Claims 51 and 59 have been canceled. Claims 52 and 60 have been rewritten as independent claims incorporating the limitations of canceled claims 51 and 59. Claim 58 has been amended to correct a claim dependency. Claim 61 has been amended to delete the word "and." No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 52-58 and 60-63 will be pending. Reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to review the application file to verify that two requests for interference have been entered. The first, which was filed January 29, 2002, requested an interference with Bates et al. Patent No. 6,179,859 B1. The second, which was filed July 30, 2002, requested an interference with Bates et al. application No. 09/774,197, now Patent No. 6,468,291 B2. See Applicants' Identification of Patent Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(c), filed November 6, 2002. The Office Action, dated March 29, 2004, acknowledges the second request for interference, filed July 30, 2002, but no Office Action acknowledges the first request for interference, filed January 29, 2002, or Applicants' Identification of Patent, filed November 6, 2002.

In addition, none of the Office Actions have confirmed receipt of Applicants' three Information Disclosure Statements, filed January 29, 2002, April 10, 2002 and December 18, 2002.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner advise whether these two requests for interference, Applicants' Identification of Patent and three Information Disclosure Statements have been entered. If they have not been entered and are missing, Applicants will provide duplicate copies.

I. THE REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102(E)

Claims 51 and 59 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Ladd, U.S. Patent No. 6,059,814. In order to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have canceled claims 51 and 59, without prejudice, thus obviating the rejection.

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II. THE OBJECTION TO CLAIMS 52 AND 60

Claims 52 and 60 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim. Claims 52 and 60 have been amended and now include all limitations of the base claim from which they depended. Thus, the rejection has been overcome.

III. THE MINOR AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS 58 AND 61

In reviewing the pending claims, Applicants noticed that prior claims 58 and 61 were not identical to the corresponding claims of the patents from which they were copied. Therefore, the claim dependency of claim 58 was changed so that it now depends from claim 56 and the word "and" was deleted from claim 61. These claims are now identical to claim 24 of Bates et al. Patent No. 6,179,859 B1 and claim 17 of Bates et al. Patent No. 6,468,291 B2, respectively. These minor amendments do not raise any new patentability issue.

IV. THERE IS INTERFERING SUBJECT MATTER CLAIMED BY APPLICANTS AND IN THE TWO BATES *ET AL*, PATENTS

Applicants' claims 52-58 are *identical* to claims 2, 6, 7, 11, 21, 23 and 24, respectively, of Bates *et al.* Patent No. 6,179,859 B1 and Applicants' claims 60-63 are *identical* to claims 11, 17, 18 and 19, respectively, of Bates *et al.* Patent No. 6,428,291 B2.

The captioned application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 as a continuation of application Serial No. 09/035,740, filed <u>March 5, 1998</u>, which issued as Patent No. 6,152,946 B1 on November 28, 2000. Bates et al. Patent No. 6,468,291 B2 claims priority as a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/354,897, now Patent No. 6,179,859 B1, which was filed on July 16, 1999.

Since all of Applicants' claims 52-58 and 60-63 are entitled to an effective filing date of March 5, 1998, which is prior to July 16, 1999, the earliest possible filing date of both Bates et al. patents, Applicants would be senior party if an interference were declared between Applicants' captioned application and the two Bates et al. patents.

Claims 11, 17, 18 and 19 of Patent No. 6,428,291 B2 originated as claims 12, 18, 19 and 20 of Bates et al. application No. 09/774,197. Since the patent had not yet issued at the time Applicants copied claims, the second request for interference copied claims from Bates et al. application No. 09/774,197.

V. NOTICE OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

Applicants advise the Examiner that the assignee of the captioned application is Scimed Life Systems, Inc. In addition, after Applicants' two requests for interference were filed, Scimed Life Systems, Inc. purchased Bates et al. Patent Nos. 6,179,859 B1 and 6,468,291 B2, from which Applicants had copied claims.

Despite this common ownership, the issue of priority as between Applicants and Bates et al. must still be resolved since Applicants claim subject matter that is claimed in the two Bates et al. patents.

Attorneys for Scimed Life Systems, Inc. have investigated and determined that Applicants are the first inventors of the subject matter of proposed counts 2 and 3. Scimed Life Systems, Inc. proposes to disclaim all claims of the two Bates et al. patents in order to remove those patents as impediments to issuance of Applicants' claims. No interference would be necessary. Prior to filing any disclaimers, however, Applicants seek the Examiner's agreement that, upon filing the disclaimers, Applicants claims will issue.

VL. **CONCLUSION**

All of Applicants' claims 52-58 and 60-63 should be allowable upon entry of this Response. In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner issue all of Applicants' claims upon disclaimer of claims 1-26 of Bates et al. Patent No. 6,179,859 B1 and a disclaimer of claims 1-19 of Bates et al. Patent No. 6,468,291 B2.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (212) 326-3939, if a telephone call could help resolve any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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